Editorial

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Journal of Wrist Surgery

As noted in the foreword by Dr. Julio Taleisnik, one of the true pioneers in wrist surgery, this journal represents the natural progression of the accumulation of an ever-increasing body of knowledge on this crucial joint. The advent of wrist arthroscopy combined with eloquent kinematic and biomechanical research has led to a better understanding of the pathological conditions affecting the wrist and their treatment, which has set the stage for a journal solely dedicated to the wrist joint.

This journal represents the vision and hard work of several key people including our six Deputy Editors, all recognized "master" wrist surgeons, who have been chosen on the basis of their teaching experience and publications on various aspects of wrist surgery, as well as a panel of more than 40 international expert Associate Editors. The enthusiastic support of Daniel Schiff, M.D., the Senior Vice President at Thieme, and the tireless work of Graham Brumfield, the Senior Acquisition Editor, with his tremendous help with the manuscript submission system, have made this endeavor possible, for which we are truly indebted. We are also grateful for the wise council of Sangeeta P.C., the Managing Editor of IWS, who has kept us on track through the production process. The generous industry support from our key sponsors who have helped us launch IWS must also be acknowledged.

The vision of the JWS is to be an inclusive rather than an exclusive international journal for practitioners of wrist surgery. Our goal as editors is to help the author(s) clarify and fine-tune their messages to highlight the teaching points through our peer-review process rather than to exclude any article that has some value. Each issue will have a special focus section consisting of several invited articles on a specific topic. The original scientific manuscripts will be the core of the journal, which will be supplemented by a periodic perspectives essay by a pioneer in wrist surgery; wrist and carpal anatomy; emerging technologies; and case reports that have special teaching value. We also welcome letters to the editor. A new feature is peer-reviewed video submissions that will be cited in the Index Medicus.

I would like to dedicate this inaugural issue to my parents Paul and Rose Slutsky for their unwavering support and love. This is an exciting time in wrist surgery and we invite you to come along for the ride.

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